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President's Message

As I write these lines, I look outside my window and am very surprised to see all the yellow school buses going down the street, signalling the perceived end of the long and warm summer we enjoyed in Northern Ontario. Where on earth did the time go?

Fall is a time to be reacquainted with your fellow collectors friends, through your local coin clubs meetings: where I dare to hope that the subject of wooden money comes up for discussion once in a while, at it does at my club in Timmins.

Dave Gillespie, CAWMC governor and fundraiser, would like to remind you that he still has some 2015 A.G.M. fundraiser woods, as illustrated in the Volume 41, issue 9, page 5, September 2015 of the Timber Talk, for sale. The flats can be bought, through **Dave** via e-mail at dacar57@hotmail.com or by writing to 3 Old Oak Lane, Mono, Ontario L9W 4B1, for \$5.00 each.

Each one of these flats have been hand painted by **Carolyn Gillespie**, **Dave's** wife, a long time contributor to CAWMC' fundraising effort, and is therefore a unique work of art. Through woods and flats, I have accumulated some of **Carolyn's** art over the years and I would like to thank her for sharing her artistic talents with us and for all the joy looking at this section of my collection brings me.

The motion to reduce the number of yearly publications of CAWMC's newsletter *Timber Talk* is presented for the second time (pg 2) in this newsletter, as per said motion, and the particulars, such as what to vote on; the need for proper voter identification and your choice to reply by e-mail or post should also be included. Please exercise your right to vote.

I would like to wish everybody a Happy Thanksgiving. I am thankful for living in a safe country, for having a fairly good universal health care system to rely on, and for advanced technology allowing me regular contacts with my kids, my mom, my siblings and my friends, most of them living afar, and with you, my fellow collectors. Hopefully you have a lot to be thankful for as well.

Please consider writing a little something about your favorite wood. Inquiring minds want to know.

You can reach me at **France D. Waychison**, P.O. Box 466, Timmins ON P4N 7E3 or at france@waychison.com.

Keep well. Happy Thanksgiving.

France



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History of CAWMC *Timber Talk* Newsletter Editors

Jan. 1975 – Sept. 1979
Garry Braunwarth

Oct. 1979 – July 1981
Stan Cluthe

Aug. 1981 – July 1983
Albert Kasman

Aug. 1983 – Oct. 1992
Garry Braunwarth

Nov. 1992 – Dec. 1994
Lou Vesh

Jan. 1995 – Aug. 2008
Ross Kingdon
(14 years!!!)



Above is a Dan Gosling photo
of Ross Kingdon

Sept. 2008 – Dec. 2009
Tony Hine

Jan. 2010 – Aug. 2010
Norm Belsten

Sept. 2010 – Current
Judy Blackman, F.O.N.A.



Timber Talk Distribution: On behalf of the Board of Governors, **Dave Gillespie** and **Ross Kingdon** presented this motion at AGM July 2015 (as printed in Sept. 2015 TT):

THAT C.A.W.M.C. amend the number of publications of it's newsletter "Timber Talk" to include the months of January, March, May, July, September and November in each calendar year and exclude the months of February, April, June, August, October and December. This effectively reduces the number of annual publications to six issues per calendar year commencing January, 2016. Further, we propose that, this Motion is for the consideration of ALL CAWMC members to view and vote on. To do so this Motion together with these instructions for voting are to be printed and published in both the September and October, 2015 issues of *Timber Talk*. Members are encouraged to consider the Motion and Vote, by notifying **Al Munro**, Chairman of the Board of Governors on whether they are: In favour of and approve the Motion, or not in favour of and oppose the Motion. For a vote to be valid and counted it must identify the name of the member and be submitted by e-mail or regular mail dated or post-marked no later than November 15th, 2015. Each member shall be entitled to one (1) vote. The results of the vote on this Motion shall be published in the December, 2015 issue of *Timber Talk*. This Motion shall show it was Proposed this 14th day of July, 2015 and presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors in Halifax, Nova Scotia this 25th day of July, 2015, as pass by the Board of Governors on 14 day of July, 2015, and signed by **Dave Gillespie**, *Motioner*, Member of the Board of Governors, and by **Ross Kingdon**, *Seconder*, Member of the Board of Governors.

Original motion presented at the meeting was for 7 issues a year, and **France D. Waychison** suggested that 8 annual issues would probably better suit the CAWMC membership. The above is the amended motion from the Board of Governors to change to 6 with each issue featuring two woods that the membership will receive as part of their free 12 woods per year.

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Your Vote Is Requested

Please indicate below if your VOTE as to if you are in favour or if you are not in favour of a reduction in the number of *Timber Talk* issues from 12 per year to 6 per year (which most months will be maintained at 8 pages). You will still receive 12 free woods per year, and each of the 6 issues would feature two of the free woods instead of one. As well, if important life events occur between issues, such as a serious illness or the passing of a CAWMC member, you will receive an e-mail advising you of the news so you may express your support to the member or member's family in a timely manner. For those members who are unable to receive the newsletter electronically, your issues will continue to be sent via Canada Post.

Board of Governors shares the benefit in reducing the number of issues by 50%: Our average cost of printing and posting our *Timber Talk* for the two years of 2013 and 2014 is \$754.13 a year. Postage went up again in 2015, and continues to rise each year. Printer commodities such as ink cartridge and paper also continue to increase. Reducing the number of issues, enables us to control our costs; which in turn enables us to refrain from increasing membership dues; and also, allows us to continue to subsidize the breakfast at our Annual General Meeting, and to secure free woods for our members.

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I AM IN FAVOUR of reducing the CAWMC *Timber Talk* newsletter from 12 issues per year to 6 issues published for the months of January, March, May, July, September and November. I understand there will be no issues sent for the months of February, April, June, August, October, and December. I understand this change, if supported by a membership majority, will be effective January 1, 2016.

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I AM NOT IN FAVOUR of reducing the CAWMC *Timber Talk* newsletter from 12 issues per year to 6 issues. I wish to continue to receive 12 issues a year.

I am submitting this vote to the Chairman of the Board of Governors, **Al Munro**, via e-mail to wood5cents@shaw.ca or by way of Canada Post to **Box 2643 Station M, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 3C1 Canada**, and I will ensure it reaches him by **November 15, 2015**. I understand voting is limited to one vote per CAWMC member.

My Membership Name is: _____ (Print Full Name)

Valdez Woods by David "Rusty" Phillips

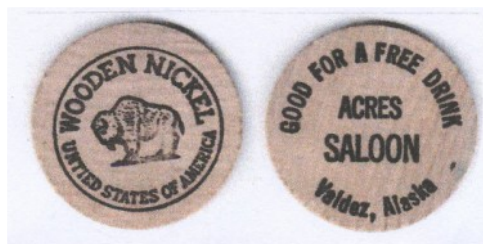
Valdez is a town of 4,498 residents, located on an arm of Prince William Sound. It is a year-round ice-free port and is also the southern end of the Richardson Highway (which extends northerly and ends at Fairbanks), and the Alyeska Pipeline (which also extends northerly ending at Prudhoe Bay on the Arctic ocean).

There are 21 known woods from Valdez, which can be attributed to 14 different issuers (the difference between the issuers' number [14] and the known woods [21] is the varieties within the various of the issuers' woods).

The woods alphabetically are:

Acres Saloon (3 woods):

- *United* spelled *Untied* on the obverse
- *United* spelled correctly on the obverse
- Indian Head obverse



◀ Devons, John (1 wood)

Glacier Bar (1 wood) ▶



Puffin Gift Shop (1 wood)

Tsaina Lodge (1 wood) - actually 35 miles north of Valdez



Totem Inn (2 woods):

- wine glass with bubbles
- wine glass without bubbles



Igloo Gift Shop (3 woods): (above and left)

- Indian Head circled and c/w an igloo
- Indian Head not circled and c/w an igloo
- Indian Head and lettering only



Howling Wolf Coffee Joint (1 wood) - this wood was in an article in the Timber Talk March 2010 (just below the Valdez Museum wood); and, an article on this wood was published August 2010 in Alaskan Token Collector & Polar Numismatist (ATC&PN) which is published 10 times per year, and is a publication of Alaska Rare Coins.

Pizza Palace (1 wood)



Valdez Bottle Stop (1 wood)



Valdez Museum (1 wood) -this wood was in an article in the Timber Talk March 2010 (just above the Howling Wolf Coffee Joint wood); and, an article on this wood was published August 2010 in ATC&PN.



Valdez Sightseeing Tours (3 wood) -2 of which are identical other than the color of the ink, e.g. 1 is Dark Blue, the other is shown. The third wood is obviously an error wood, e.g. blank on obverse.



Celebrating 50 Years Of Statehood (1 wood) -an article on this wood was published August 2010 in Alaskan Token Collector & Polar Numismatist (ATC&PN)



An Interesting Wood Leads To A Ukrainian Reunion

In 1991 while returning home from a numismatic convention, **Donald A. Wilkinson** (of Louisiana) and his wife were in an accident. His wife was killed by the elongated machine they were carrying, and **Don** was wheelchair-bound for the rest of his life. Prior to the accident, the couple were very much involved in numismatics, and **Don** particularly enjoyed elongated coins, and was Treasurer for several Years of *The Elongated Collectors Association*. When **Don** passed away, his good friend **Joe Burford** (of Maryland) acquired his wood collection. This collection contained 100 or so Canadian woods all from the 1970-1980s, and your Editor recently acquired them. These woods are leading your Editor to some interesting stories.

Here's one for you (**Al Munro** thinks deceased CAWMC member **Alf Wrigley** had a connection to this wood):

Ukrainian **Maria** was born on 1846, and passed away in 1924 in Edmore. Now I could not trace her parents nor her spouse, but I was able to trace her daughter. In 1866 **Maria** gave birth to **Wasylena Stadnyck** who later in life would marry **Wasyli Ostapowich** and they would go on to have 10 children and AT LEAST 43 grandchildren, and numerous great-grandchildren. Wasylena passed away in 1952, and her husband who was born in 1858 passed away in 1928. The couple's children: **Mary** (first born child of the couple, born around 1887 and deceased in childbirth in 1904)(who wed John Yaschuk and they had just 1 child), **Wasyli** (1893—unknown) (he had 2 spouses, the first was his bride Katie Zazelenchuk bearing 2 children, the next was Katie Koliebaba whom he wed bringing 5 children), **Aksana** (1898—unknown) (with whom he had married Metro **Rokochy** and they had 9 children), **Katherine** (1902-1991) (who married Steven **Kirstiuk** and they had 6 children), **Gaficia** (1890-unknown) (who married Harry **Kowalchuk** and they went on to have a large family of 11 children), **Harry** (1895-1966)(who married Annie Streelatsky who he had 3 children with), **Metro** (1900-1962) (who married Dora Kostachuk and they had 5 children), **John** (1907-unknown) (who married Mary Temoshowsky, was unable to confirm children), **Nick** (1910-2012) (married Esther and had 1 child), **Annie** (1908-1971) (who married Sandy **Danyluk** but had no children recorded). Now some of the kids, like Metro actually changed the spelling of their surname, one changed it to Ostapovich, and another to Ostapewich, and there were other variations as the generations grew. A couple of the daughters may have changed their first name or simply adopted a more common name. Now this wood is for a reunion for the descendents of **Wasyli** and **Wasylena Ostapowich** and the family surnames include **Danyluk, Rokochy, Ostapovich, Ostapowich, Kowalchuk, Kirstiuk, Polonich, and Yaschuk**.



I was able to confirm through Nick's obituary that the family grew up on a **farm in Foam Lake** (Saskatchewan). Nick later moved in 1965 to Yorkton to work as a welder, he married Esther in 1966, they had a son Mervin in 1968, and then in 1971 the family moved back to Foam Lake where Nick returned to farming while keeping up his welding until 1996. Then the next move was to Saskatoon to further his adventures in fabricating and welding. The family seemed to be scattered about Western Canada, with some folks in Ontario (Central Canada).

This wood is listed as **7225-001** in the CAWMC catalogue, there were 500 made BL / BL of these 38mm rounds. Now in the 1980s, a catalogue containing all the woods discovered the previous year was issued by CAWMC with pictures. I went through all the 1980s, and this 1980 wood is not in these, so it had to have been added to the catalogue AFTER the 1980s decade. I don't have any newsletters prior to 1989, and I could not find it in the newsletters that I do have (there are other gaps in the issues), so I have no way of knowing how CAWMC became aware of this wood. As well, the earlier years, the CAWMC listed members and contact info in the newsletter once a year. I went through those and could find no surname listed on this wood, as a CAWMC member. Maybe somebody reading this knows more, and can send your Editor the details so we can give an update in a later TT issue. The Foam Lake (Edmore) area has many Ukrainian churches and auxiliaries and there is a very long history of Ukrainians settling in the West, especially in Saskatchewan, and Foam Lake has a large concentration.



IOWMC Celebrates Milestone from Robert Gabriel

International Organization of Wooden Money Collectors (IOWMC) booth at 2015 ANA Chicago: left to right Darrell Luedtke - Editor (Past President 2008-2014), Robert Fritsch (Past President 2002-2005, CAWMC member), Robert Gabriel (President), shown with award for 50 years of continuous membership in American Numismatic Association (ANA); photo courtesy John and Nancy Wilson. IOWMC member Daniel McGowan (KS) laser engraved woods for your Editor, who will be using them in a ONA 2016 Convention display. He made some beautiful large flats (banknotes and stamps), including these 3 large flats shown in the picture below. Contact him at triplesunflower@live.com if you are interested!



Johnny Appleseed Festival—Ohio

by Alfred "Al" Schubert (CAWMC Member, President of POWMC)

This would be a good time to tell you about my trip to Lisbon, Ohio, USA in search of *Johnny Appleseed* woods. Johnny Appleseed is the mythical hero of a charming American legend. Actually, this is the nickname of a real person, **John Chapman**, who was born in Leominster, Massachusetts in 1774.



This festival used to be in the Lisbon Fairgrounds. It has now been downsized to about a two by four city block area in the south end of town. At the apple festival there was only 2 booths that actually had apples for sale. One was candy apples and the other was apples of 6 different varieties priced at 3 lbs for \$6.00. No wooden nickels were to be found.

In the middle of things I found the office tent. Again, no wooden nickels were anywhere to be found. I did find out that no woods have been produced since 2000. Their 1st year they made 2 different woods, one black and one red. There were a total of 35 different woods issued over the 33 years they were produced. All the woods were produced in black except the following: 1968 both red & black were issued, 1992, 1997, and 1999 were made only in red. The 1997 issue was a 2" x 3" balsa flat printed in red, and all the rest were issued only in black. I'm looking to complete my set – have any?



[Editor's Note: if you have any contact Robert Gabriel who will let Alfred know. Bob's e-mail is bgabrielone@yahoo.com]

Payments of Debts Wood by David "Rusty" Phillips

This wooden nickel was created by a Fairbanks business man, **Dick Hanscom** (right), of Numismatic Services, aka, *The Coin Shop* in Fairbanks. He was disillusioned by the U.S. Government's handling of all U.S. financial affairs (these were the President Carter years with very high inflation!).



The woods were made by the *Elbee Wooden Nickel Manufacturing Co.* of San Antonio, Texas. It is thought that 250 were made, 100 of which had "gold" nuggets attached (and which woods were hand-numbered 1-100). My nugget wood is 51 and your Editor has 100. The woods were sold via classified ads in *Numismatic News Weekly* (from Iola, Wisconsin) and *Coin World* (from Sidney, Ohio), and also from Dick's Coin Shop store in Fairbanks. The selling price for the nugget woods was \$5 each (see



above), and \$1 each (see right) for the non-nugget woods.

My Sincere Thanks to Dick for reaching back into his memory and recalling, and supplying me with the details of these woods. Much appreciated!!





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70th Anniversary Porcupine Gold Camp

This "souvenir five wooden nickels" double-date wood is #5889-006 in the CAWMC catalogue and 500 BL / BL 38mm rounds were issued in 1979. It is listed on page S-22 of the 1980 Supplement catalogue. This wood is another one that was in the

lot your Editor recently acquired. **Don J. Smith** brought it to the CAWMC's attention.

Timmins was founded in 1912; the community was a 'by-product' of the **Porcupine Gold Rush**. The camp attracted men and women eager to find their fortune and carve a name for themselves in 'New Ontario'. Starting in 1907, the area became home to dozens of prospectors who explored the areas around Porcupine Lake and the Frederick House River.

George Bannerman along with his partner, **Tom Geddes**, discovered the first gold in the Porcupine Region. **George** was a newcomer to the area when he first made his discovery, but his partner had prospected a nearby region previously. The two of them staked out 40 acres for a gold mine. The mine built upon the claims of **George** and **Tom** was never very successful. The pair prospected about a kilometer north of Porcupine Lake in Whitney Township in 1909 and found good surface showings and staked what became the **Scottish-Ontario Mine** on July 31, 1909 (it was later re-named the **Canusa Mine Canada-USA**) and finally to **Banner Porcupine** over the years. **George** was slow in recording the claims in Haileybury, because of the distance and difficulty involved but when he did, his rich samples caused much excitement and some historians have given him credit for starting the gold rush, which was fully developed by 1911.

A story goes that **George** (who was from Haileybury) overheard two fur trappers talking about finding gold in the Porcupine area. He and **Tom** staked several claims, and started their trip to Haileybury to register them. When they arrived they were mobbed by a crowd who formed to see the samples. **George** and **Tom's** mine proved to have excellent surface gold veins, but stopped shortly underground and was never very productive. Your Editor frequently drove through Haileybury on her way to work in the Sudbury Region. A combination of the hard frock of the Canadian Shield and the rapid capitalization of mining meant that smaller companies and single-man operations could not effectively mine the area, as opposed to earlier rushes where the gold could be extracted through placer mining techniques. Although a number of prospectors made their fortune, operations in the area are marked largely by the development of larger mining companies, and most people involved in the mining operations were their employees. The mines peaked between 1940-1950s, but continue to produce gold to this day, although the many smaller mines have been consolidated into a small number of larger holdings. By 2001, 67 million troy ounces of gold have been mined from the Porcupine area, making it by far the largest gold rush in terms of actual gold produced. (For comparison, the **Klondike Gold Rush** produced about 12 million troy ounces.) **George** stayed in the area long after his discovery, to watch the community he helped to found.

Now this wood interested your Editor (**Judy Blackman** nee **Solomon**) because she spent many summers 1950-1960s in South Porcupine, as her father's brother **Ken Solomon**, his wife **Mary** (both deceased now), and their kids **John** (still lives in the area with his family) and **Christine** (who moved south when she wed) lived there. She remembers **Mary's** French toast the best. Also since so many family members were up there visiting in the nicer months, there was tight quarters for sleeping, and the weather could be very warm. So there was this car with bucket seats that fully reclined, and the kids took turns sleeping in the car with the windows slightly cracked to let cool air in. Unfortunately one night, a bear put it's paw enough into the opening and the pressure pushed the window down and broke it, and the kids, scooted out the door on the other side of the car and ran!!! She also remembers walking the winding trails of the woods (full of black flies, deer ticks, and gnats) to reach the very cold, but wonderfully clear lake and swim. The hikes were well worth it! Fishing was also awesome! Picking wild berries, scaling rock walls, and other adventures. There are many happy memories of Timmins, South Porcupine and North Bay and Burk's Falls visiting other family who all resided amongst the trees and lakes versus metro life!



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1979–1981:

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1977–1979:

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1975–1977:

Garry Braunwarth

The C.A.W.M.C. was founded on January 1st, 1975, by Garry Braunwarth (C-1) (pictured below) and Victor B. Hall (C-2) in Calgary, Alberta. In addition to the founders, these are the 43 other original charter members.

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- C-40 Gilvin A. (Corky) Ayers
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- C-42 Ernest Ruch
- C-43 Gerald A. Hathaway
- C-44 Robert S. Ross
- C-45 Norman R. Belsten

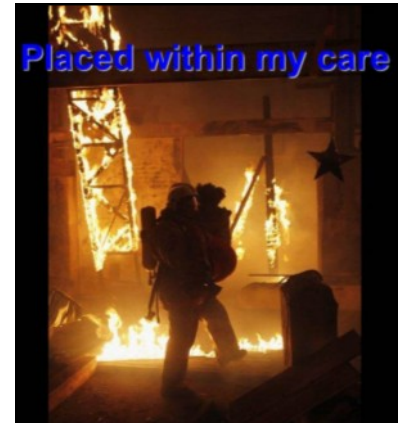
Garry Braunwarth >>>



Support Fallen Firefighters!

Free Wood of the Month of October 2015 reported by Ross Kingdon

Our October wood will be a variety of wood previously featured in the Timber Talk. You will recall last month's (September) wood Fire Marque had the Merci on it, whereas this month's 45mm wood is missing it (plus is missing the company website info.) and is listed in the catalogue as #5893-002 (Red / Black). This wood is from Thornton (Ontario) and there were 500 issued. [View Firefighters Prayer at this link on the Fire Marque website: <http://www.firemarque.com/prayer.html>]



Needed To Complete MD Set!

Joe Burford (IOWMC) member is anxious to locate Cecil County (Maryland) wood to complete an MD Set of 273 (which goes back 40 years). Needed are:

MARYLAND—Cecil County, 1974 (Tricentennial) wooden nickels:

Series III—CECIL ELKTON MARYLAND TERCENTENARY

K Mar-Del Fuel 1¢ Red / Black

Series XI—NORTH EAST CECIL COUNTY MARYLAND 300

E Weaver's Liquors 1¢ Red / Black



Robert Gabriel has asked us to see if any CAWMC member can help Joe complete this set (which has taken many years to build), please e-mail j.burford@powerconcorp.com or joeburf2@aol.com or write Joe Burford, 331 S Gilmor St., Baltimore, MD 21223-3103 U.S.A.

The Munro Family Appreciates Your Support!

Al Munro reports, "Marion has recently completed surgeries to remove three growths. Two of the growths were cancerous but there was no evidence of any internal growths. Marion is recovering nicely but has developed blood clots for which she is taking medication and we hope for the best.



We would both like to thank all our members for their cards, letters and e-mails. Everyone has been very supportive."



MARION!

Coins in the Classroom: $E = MC^2$ from Frank Galindo

In early August 2015, your TT Editor was pleasantly surprised when she opened a package from **Frank Galindo**, a Knight of St. Eligius, who is also Medal Chairman for the **Texas Numismatic Association** and has sat on the Executive for the **San Antonio Coin Club** for numerous years. In this package, your Editor found this Jack Yates Senior High School wood.



Frank says, "The Yates Senior High School wood you have is a promotion piece that helps to promote the Lion Coin Club. The club is led by teacher and sponsor **Dr. Ralph Ross**. The woods are not issued by the school. They are distributed and probably paid for by the Lion Coin Club members. The wood shows a value of ten cents. It is a practical and inexpensive way to promote the coin club and participate in National Coin Week. This year the Lion Coin Club selected Albert Einstein as the 2015 National Coin Week person to honor on their wooden nickel."

In digging further to TNA publications, it would appear there is a "**Jack Yates Senior High School 'Lion Coin Club'**". **Raelena Means** (student) is the President, **Amber Fekler** (student) is Vice-President, **Iyona Kelly** (student) is Secretary, **Solana Hood** (student) is Treasurer, and **Dr. Ralph Ross** is the Youth Chair. The club held a Hallowe'en party in October 2014 (attended by at least 50 members), and has plans again for this fall. **Mrs. Phyllis A. Ross** attended the party too. The members bring their report cards "**Coins for A's Program**" to the party. Students who achieved outstanding performance levels on the standardized test are awarded silver coins donated by **Heritage Auctions** (Dallas, Texas). The club attended the 58th Houston 3-day Money Show (George R. Brown Convention Centre) in early December 2014, and the club's Christmas party was the following week which included a numismatic gift exchange and business planning for 2015. Other club roles (all students) are **Madisen Clarkson** (Membership), **Amber Wright** (Parliamentarian), **Daerion Richards** (Sergeant-At-Arms), **Tamara Brown** (Newsletter Editor), and the Board of Directors: **Mechelle Walther**, **Tiara Hands**, **Faith Owens**, **Jaslind Kelly**, and **Andrew Wimbush**.

The goal of the Lion Coin Club (LC2) is a high school coin club to promote and encourage interest in the 'science' of numismatics; to cultivate friendly relations between collectors, students and dealers; and to especially encourage and assist the beginner for numismatics. The club offers a forum to learn about rare coins and currency; create interactions with other collectors; and participation and educational programs (such as National Coin Week). The Lion Coin Club is in several high schools, this wood is for the Jack Yates Senior High School chapter of the Lion Coin Club.

Dr. Ralph Ross (pictured right), Chairman of the Mathematics Department at this Title 1 School, uses coins in the classroom to help students understand history, art, politics, mathematics and science. He enlisted **Steve Ivy** (who started **Heritage Auctions** in 1964 and is pictured below) to help honor high-performing students. **Steve** donated 1-ounce silver bullion American Eagle coins to students who achieved the "Commended" level in mathematics at the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) Test.



Heritage Auctions encourages academic excellence and rewards outstanding achievement by giving numismatic awards to students from economically challenged backgrounds. In an effort to encourage and support Young Numismatist and budding authors, Heritage Auctions sponsors quarterly essay contests. Ivy knows that many Yates' students perform poorly academically, especially on standardized test, and few enter college. Heritage Auctions is committed to helping students from the greater Houston area think beyond the blighted and colorless environment that envelops the campus. Donations are sought in support of **Ross's** Coins in the Classroom program at Jack Yates Senior High School. Materials sought range from numismatic books, CDs, magazine and newspaper subscriptions, magnifiers and computers. **Ross** may be contacted for more information at rross1@Houstonisd.org.





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A Great Example Of A Personalized Wood

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A great example of personalized wood.

I have always considered that a personalized wood should tell the world who we are and what we are about, not just our name, and that care should be given to what we put on it.

I was flabbergasted when **Henry Nienhuis** gave me one of his woods (3750-075). There was so much to look at on this little 38 mm disc. I sat down with **Henry** and asked him to describe the details of his gorgeous piece in detail. That was 5 years ago, and I told **Henry** that his wood would be written up as one of the best and more detailed woods I have ever seen. Here it is. I'll let you be the judge.



On the obverse of the wood, the central item is the heraldic symbol *lion rampant*, similar to the one found on the Coat of Arms of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, minus the crown and the sword found on the original. **Henry** explained: "I am of Dutch descent".

The words HENRY NIENHUIS FCNRS (Fellow of the Canadian Numismatic Research Society) and "SCIENTIA PER NUMISMA" (Knowledge through coin collecting) appear respectively above and under the lion.

"OK", I said to **Henry**, "what about all those other little designs surrounding the lion"? "Well" he answered, "the maple leaf at the left of the lion (facing it) shows that I am Canadian, and the owl shown at the right of the lion represents knowledge. What about the stars under the foot of the lion, 5 on one side and 3 on the other? "Oh, those are my 5 sons and 3 daughters" And what about the 8-points star above the lion's head, I asked? "The star of my life, my wife" was his reply. Men! What a guy!

This wood was issued for the RCNA convention in Saint John, NB, and while the obverse is blue, the reverse, showing a lighthouse, is green. 50 woods were produced.

The same obverse was used for wood 5960-002, 2010 ONA Kingston, with that convention's logo in red shown on the reverse, while a modified version was used for the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the *North York Coin Club* (5960-001).